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RDANT visit spotlights East Arnhem based businesses

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Developing East Arnhem Limited (DEAL) was proud to host the Regional Development Australia NT (RDANT) committee last week, which included an RDANT-led forum and a co-hosted networking event for local East Arnhem based businesses.

The RDANT committee's visit to Nhulunbuy provided DEAL and local East Arnhem based businesses a chance to provide the committee with information about the region and key projects such as the Economic Development Fund, the Town Vision, and a range work being done to promote tourism and other industry development.

RDANT hosted the daytime forum, held at the Walkabout Lodge last Tuesday 23 August, which provided guests with a range of speakers discussing regional development issues and opportunities.

The forum was followed by an evening networking event co-hosted by DEAL, which offered a meet and greet between local businesses and RDANT committee and staff members, along with some speakers on development in the region.

Among the speakers were RD NT Chair Michael Reed AM, who also launched the evening function, Senior Executive Director East Arnhem Department of the Chief Minister Jim Rogers, RDANT CEO Kate Peake and DEAL CEO Carley Scott.

Ms Scott said it was a pleasure for DEAL to host the RDANT Committee during their visit to East Arnhem Land, and to co-host the evening networking event.

"The visit from RDANT was a great opportunity for our strong local businesses to share stories about growth and opportunities in our region," Ms Scott said.

During the forum, RDANT praised DEAL as a 'unique and valuable resource that led the way with the EconomyID tool.' It then went on to announce the tool would be made available to the whole of the Northern Territory.

"I would like to congratulate the RDA NT committee on its decision to make the EconomyID program available across the NT, which followed discussions with DEAL about the successful use of the program in East Arnhem Land," Ms Scott said.

Networking events with government, corporates and tourism experts are important for economic development in East Arnhem Land. DEAL continues to work hard to deliver more opportunities like this to local East Arnhem based businesses and will be adding to the range of education and networking events as part of the Nhulunbuy Business Week in October.

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About Developing East Arnhem Limited

Developing East Arnhem Limited (DEAL) was established in November 2014 to support economic development in the region. The organisation was established as an independent company with seed funding provided by the Northern Territory Government (\$2M) and Rio Tinto (\$2M). DEAL is managed by a Board of Directors, and has a full time Chief Executive Officer, a Project Manager and a part time Business Office Manager. The Many Rivers Field Officer shares the DEAL office, which is located in Nhulunbuy. To find out more about DEAL, visit

www.developingeastarnhem.com.au

About Regional Development Australia NT (RDA NT)

RDA NT is a not-for-profit association funded by the Federal and NT governments to build partnerships and assist with developing and strengthening regional communities.

RDA NT is led by a Committee made up of local leaders from each of the NT's regions. There is a national network of 55 RDA committees. To find out more about RDA NT, visit www.rdant.com.au